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Develop, adapt, and use numerical models of coupled hydrodynamics, biology, and water chemistry--in conjunction with field investigations---to understand the physical-biological-chemical relationships
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Stanford University, Palo Alto, California Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Environmental Fluid Mechanics Program (1997)

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ECOHYDRODYNAMICIST/RESEARCH ENGINEER, U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, CA (April 2000-Present)

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VISITING SCIENTIST, Stanford University, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford, CA (September 1997-October 2002)

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